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Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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DOE Advisory Board Completes Museum Exhibit Update

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board has recently completed a comprehensive overhaul of its permanent exhibit at the American Museum of Science and Energy.

First installed in February 2005, the exhibit uses touch-screen kiosks, displays, and posters to tell the story of the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Environmental Management program.

The centerpiece of the exhibit is a scale model of the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility in Bear Creek Valley, which provides visitors an idea of the magnitude of the cleanup effort on the reservation.



The Site Specific Advisory Board's exhibit at the American Museum of Science and Energy features two interactive touch-screen kiosks and a variety of displays and posters that explain the Department of Energy's Environmental Management program.

Two touch-screen kiosks take visitors on an interactive journey through the cleanup process at the Gunite Tanks, one of the highly successful remediation projects at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Suspended over the exhibit is one of the remotely controlled planes that used various types of cameras to survey waste disposal sites on the Oak Ridge Reservation. Also featured is a poster, video presentation, and display about the board's Stewardship Education Resource Kit.

A variety of colorful posters inform visitors about cleanup program topics, including an overview of the Environmental Management program, the challenges the program faces in Oak Ridge, and reindustrialization of the East Tennessee Technology Park. A poster explaining what the advisory board is and what it does is featured prominently, and another explains how the remotely controlled airplane overhead was used by the cleanup program.

Steve Stow, who chaired the board's Public Outreach Committee during development of the exhibit update, was employed by UT-Battelle as the museum's director until he retired in April 2006. "The museum is the perfect place to show the public the importance of the SSAB and the challenges faced by the Environmental Management program of DOE. The exhibit depicts the application of science and technology to environmental cleanup, making the region a better place to live, and well over 100,000 visitors a year go through the museum. It's a great partnership and one I hope we can expand as new opportunities come along."

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board is an independent, federally appointed citizens' panel that provides advice and recommendations to DOE on its Oak Ridge Environmental Management Program. The board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the DOE Information Center in Oak Ridge. Information about the board is posted on its Web site at www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab.



A display devoted to the advisory board's Stewardship Education Resource Kit provides visitors with information on the board's educational initiatives.

The museum is located at 300 S. Tulane Avenue in Oak Ridge and is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Hours are Monday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday 1–5 p.m. Admission is Adult \$5, Senior (65+) \$4, Youth (6-17) \$3, and Children (5 and under) free. Group rates are available for 20 or more with advance reservations. For more information on museum exhibits, programs, events, and membership, go online to www.amse.org or call (865) 576-3200.

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